Substitute House Bill No. 5701

House of Representatives, April 2, 1998. The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR, 99th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Commissioner of 2 Correction shall review programs administered by 3 the department in order to: (1) Evaluate the 4 cost-effectiveness and benefits of such programs 5 and (2) assign priority for the continued funding 6 of such programs. The commissioner shall submit 7 his findings and recommendations to the joint 8 standing committee of the General Assembly having 9 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations 10 and the budgets of state agencies not later than 11 January 6, 1999.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) There is established an advisory committee to advise the Commissioner of Correction in the review and evaluation, required by section 1 of this act, of programs administered by the department and to monitor, review and revaluate privatization agreements and consent decrees that are entered into and implemented by the Department of Correction.

20 (b) The committee shall include officials of 21 the department, employees of the department, 22 including employees from facilities affected by

the privatization of programs or services, representatives of employee unions, representatives from municipalities where correctional facilities are located and crime victims. The committee shall consist of eighteen members appointed as follows: (1) Six appointed by the Governor; (2) two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (3) two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (4) two appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (5) two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (6) two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and (7) two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

38 JUD COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 22 NAY 17 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5701

STATE IMPACT

None

MUNICIPAL IMPACT

None

STATE AGENCY(S)

Department of Corrections

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

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SUMMARY: This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) commissioner to review DOC-administered programs and submit findings and recommendations to the Appropriations Committee by January 6, 1999. His review must evaluate each program's cost effectiveness and benefits and assign it a continued funding priority.

The bill establishes an 18-member advisory committee to advise the commissioner in his review and to monitor, review, and evaluate DOC's privatization agreements and consent decrees. The committee consists of interested parties appointed by the General Assembly and the governor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

FURTHER EXPLANATION

Advisory Committee

The advisory committee must include DOC officials and employees, including employees from facilities affected by privatization; representatives of employee unions and municipalities with correctional facilities; and crime victims.

The committee consists of two members each appointed by the House speaker, Senate pro tempore, House and Senate majority and minority leaders and six appointed by the governor.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 22 Nay 17